

REMARKS

Claim 58 has been added. The undersigned discussed proposed claim 58 with Examiner Chin in a telephone discussion on July 22, 2003. Examiner Chin agreed that new claim 58 was acceptable. Claim 58 is supported by the application, e.g., at Figures 1 and 2 (See Immunometric rows). The amendment adds no new matter.

Claims 35 to 42, 45 to 51, 53, 54, and 56-58 are under consideration in the application. Claims 43, 44, 52, and 55 are canceled.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully assert that the application is in condition for allowance and request issuance of a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner does not consider the application to be in condition for allowance, applicants request that he call the undersigned at (650) 849-6620 to set up an interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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